

Virginia Energy Plan Public Comment Session
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Steve Walz from DMME reviewed the statute calling for the Energy Plan, the eight primary plan objectives, and plan outline.

Eileen Levandoski

Spoke of not being able to get homeowners insurance because she lives 3.5 miles from the ocean. Short and long-term climate change needs be addressed in the energy plan. Hampton Roads will be most affected by climate change.

Richard Good

Spoke on lack of solar engineering programs in Virginia schools. Currently trains own personnel on solar power installations. It is difficult to train and retain employees in this field without support. Would like to see Senate Bill 262 (SB 262) provide grants for solar energy. There is no long-term plan going forward in alternative energy businesses.

David Harter

Spoke on human waste being the biggest detriment to energy conservation. Would like renewable energy reviewed.

John Butler

Commended on excerpts in Virginia Energy Plan. Spoke on the confusion of Virginia Power tariff fuel surcharges. Would like to see budget forecasting for electricity for state agencies.

Denise Thompson, Virginia Municipal League

Spoke on local government using a large amount of energy. More research and development is needed. Short and long term goals are extremely important. Thanked Senator Wagner on behalf of the Virginia Energy Plan.

Dr. Denise Johnson

Spoke on encouraging state and local governments to increase LEED requirements on new construction.

Senator Frank W. Wagner

Spoke on the history of Senate Bill 262 (SB 262).

Public Comment Session adjourned.